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Inside College Station

A publication for College Station residents

CSPD - Leaders in Law Enforcement

The College Station Police Department was recently selected as a *Flagship Agency* by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). In addition, the department also received re-accreditation in Public Safety Communications.

According to Sylvester Daughtry, Jr., Executive Director of CALEA, a *Flagship Agency* represents "an extraordinary example of excellence in an accredited law enforcement agency."

"The accreditation process provides structure and sets the standards by which law enforcement professionals are measured in order to be recognized as a true profession," said Michael Clancey, College Station Chief of Police. "Our Communication Division had to comply with 155 manda-



tory standards and 61 non-mandatory standards in order to gain accredited status."

Flagship Agencies are selected by agency type and program, based primarily on past performance. CSPD's policies and procedures were prominently displayed in November at the CALEA Conference in Reno, Nevada. Officers participated in networking, discussed

issues, and offered suggestions based on their experiences with CALEA Accreditation.

CSPD received its initial Law Enforcement accredited status in 1991. The Communications Division garnered its accredited status in 2003 and was the first communications center in Texas to receive such recognition. CSPD, along with the Arlington and Plano Police Departments, are the only agencies in Texas with dual-accreditation status.

Verification by CALEA that the Communications Division of the College Station Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation—a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

Everything old is new again...

Have you been seeing police cars with a new look lately? The College Station Police Department recently debuted a classic "new" look for its patrol cars.

Over the past year, a committee of CSPD officers was given the task of changing the "look" of the department's patrol vehicles. The current blue and white car design has been around since 1997.

The committee presented several designs to the department and chose the "new" design that you'll be seeing around town.

The choice? A return to a traditional and crisp color scheme - the time-honored black and white patrol car.

Although current patrol cars will not be re-painted unless new paint is necessary, all new vehicles entering the fleet will match the new design.





Mark Your Calendar

December 1 Christmas in the Park Lighting Ceremony, 6 pm, Central Park

December 2 Breakfast with Santa, Lincoln Recreation Center, 764-3779

Christmas in the Park Open House, 6 - 9 p.m., Central Park

December 3 Holiday Parade, 776-4444

December 4 Citizens Congress, 6 pm, Hilton, 764-3570

December 7 Planning & Zoning Commission*, 7 pm, City Hall

December 8 Christmas Carnival, Lincoln Recreation Center, 764-3779

December 8, 9 Christmas in the Park Open House, 6 - 9 p.m., Central Park

December 14 City Council*, Workshop Session, 3 pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

December 15, 16 Christmas in the Park Open House, 6 - 9 p.m., Central Park

December 18 - January 2 CSISD Winter Break (January 2 - students off, staff development day)

December 25-26 Christmas holiday, City offices closed

January 1 New Year's Day, City offices closed

January 4 Planning & Zoning Commission*, 7 pm, City Hall

January 6 Christmas tree recycling, Noon - 6 pm, Central Park

January 11 City Council*, Workshop Session, 3 pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

January 15 MLK Holiday, City offices closed

* Broadcast live on Cable Channel 19 and www.cstx.gov.

News to Know



College Station Comprehensive Plan - Your Community, Your Plan!
The City of College Station is hosting a community meeting to solicit input on the **Comprehensive Plan update**. The purpose of this update is to create a more workable plan to help guide decisions about future growth and development. In order to create the plan, we need your vision for College Station.

A **Citizens Congress** - an interactive discussion on the future of College Station - will be held **December 4, at 6 p.m. at the College Station Hilton**. For more information about the Comprehensive Plan update, call 764-3570 or email CompPlan@cstx.gov.



Central Park's **Christmas in the Park** lights up the holiday night with more than half a million lights, creating beautiful holiday scenes from swimming swans to a gingerbread village. The lights shine bright each night throughout December. Three **Open House** weekends (*Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 2- 17*) offer evenings full of entertainment and refreshments, and like everything else in the park, these events are FREE. If it isn't already, it might just become your family's newest tradition. For more information, call 764-3486.



City offices will close December 25-26 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's Day. No waste will be collected on Christmas or New Year's Day, and sanitation collections will run one day later both weeks.

Recycling will not be collected Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Since both holidays fall on successive Mondays, recycling will be collected one day later the first week of January.

Sanitation schedules will also change the week of January 15, when City offices close Monday for MLK Day. Sanitation collection will run one day later for the remainder of that week. Recycling collection will remain as usual that week.



That live **Christmas tree** that looks so beautiful in your house can continue to add beauty to the community. Bring it by Central Park on January 7, between Noon and 6 p.m. and we'll exchange it for a seedling tree. Can't make it by the park? The Sanitation Division will collect trees curbside between December 26 and January 6. Unflocked trees only. All decorations and stands must be removed.

Trees are either composted or chipped and spread throughout the parks. The chips will help alleviate soil compaction caused by foot traffic, reduce soil erosion, and provide nutrients to the soil.